

THE DODGE CITY TIMES.

DODGE CITY, SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1878.

CAMP SUPPLY ITEMS.

Heavy rains have been the order of the day during the past week. On Friday evening last we had one of the most terrific rain thunder and lightning storms that we have yet witnessed in this locality this summer. Hospital Steward Kitchen received a slight stroke of electricity on that evening while out putting up spouting. No serious damage was done.

The gentleman from Hoshkosh also received a slight stroke of electric gas which expanded on the following morning. No one injured as the gas is like himself, perfectly harmless.

Ex-Corporal Clarke is still here making arrangements for a grand expedition to his farm. It is rumored that the corporal is on the lookout for a congregation to preach to, as he thinks he could manage a church much better than the men of B company.

Messrs. Lee & Reynolds the great business men and commercial nabobs of the Southwest have been spending a few days at this post making their annual spring inventories and estimates.

A word to my dear friend Domino. The far famed Texas Star Troupe received quite a puff in your late article. If the Dodge Citys take all your praise of this drunken mob for sterling coin—and are thereby deceived, I am really glad to hear from various sources that you succeed so well in your perilous undertaking in the art of instructing the women of the South Row and others in the mysteries of tipping the light fantastic toe and the paroxysmal flip of your flapper, the huns of your busser. No doubt the eulogiums of that woman has increased your self importance to that pitch that you will do yourself great credit this summer and winter's campaign. Still let me beg of you not to give too much ear to this tell tale women, nor attempt to make them wiser than they are (they are entirely too sharp now.)

Our friend Observer from Fort Lyon gave us last week some very interesting items. We always prize the Post sketches.

Old Koukapot is as sportive as ever and as usual sings his little song—

J. W. is a brick young fellow,
Full of mirth and full of glee.
And his heart it did deliver
To the loving widow.

The Postmaster here circulated another petition last week for a tri-weekly mail from Dodge City to this post. It was signed by nearly all who receive their mail at this post—nearly 200. The petition also requests that the mails come through from Dodge City to this post in 24 hours and to Elliott in 48 hours.

It is now pretty certain that this great boon will be granted. The contractors have been here for some days looking over the route and making arrangements to start the tri-weekly.

The Post is beginning to look splendid. Roads are being opened and walks graded and trees have been planted, grass mown, quarters repaired and everything seems to be assuming a first class appearance second to no other frontier post in the department.

The three men who deserted a week or so ago were apprehended some two or three miles east of the post on Sunday last. They were found by Ames Chapin Chief of Post Scouts, singly nestling on a pleasant hill side awaiting orders to move on the communists. They were brought back and are now in duress vile awaiting trial by a General Court Martial.

On last Thursday night the general prisoners confined in the guard house here made an attempt to escape. One named Corbett of B Co 19th Inf. succeeded in getting out of a window, but the sentry on number one discovered the plot in time to prevent others from escaping. Corbett started for Dodge City but having no grub with him applied to a bull train for something to eat. They told him if he would return with them to Fort Elliott that they would give him a job of work after they passed Camp Supply. Corbett trusted to them, but they surrendered him upon their arrival at this post, and he is now in confinement.

We hear of a 1st Sergeant who tried the experiment of feeding his company on one keg of vinegar and "wind pudding" for ten days. The sergeant says it is a complete failure—that it can't be done.

Dr. Wilcox, Asst Surgeon U. S. A. left this post with an escort for San Francisco creek, southwest of this point, on Saturday last, for the purpose of securing a meteoric stone that has been discovered in that locality. The stone is supposed to have fallen there quite a number of years ago, and of course the Doctor is getting possession of it in the interest of science.

When this great Meteoric Stone is brought in to the Post we shall attempt to analyze it and try to arrive at some conclusion as to the kind of material is required to get up a first class meteoric phenomena.

The army bill is creating quite an excitement in military circles as no one in position can possibly tell where the lightning will strike. It is now supposed that the bill will pass the Senate with an amendment transferring the Indian Department to the War Office. Should this pass it would be equivalent to at least \$,000 m.e. and Congress can make a reduction of that number.

June 24, 1878.

MEJUDICE.

CIMARRON STATION.

CIMARRON, Foote County, June 2.

To the Editors of the Times.

We have many things to record owing to our negligence of last week. Under the warmth of the past few days the gardens and plowed spots of our pioneers are green with the growing crops, and we boys dream of luscious melons to be stolen from neighboring patches. If it were not rather trite we might indulge in a flourishing description of our flowers, &c., but we have some pity for the editor and desist.

Messrs. Brown & Johnson have almost completed their hotel. The traveling public should remember the Cimarron House, and the home farmers the same.

Holcomb & Co. have erected a neat and really elegant office for their land and law business. The boys will act squarely with those desiring to locate, and we are glad that their business is on the increase.

Mr. Kohn is building a large two story residence. The town will be greatly benefited by his energy and example.

We forgot in our last to record a serious affray. From time to time we have hinted of a state of antagonism existing between parties. It has culminated. One of the belligerents confiscating certain property rightfully belonging to another party, the opposing force marched boldly to the postern gate of his castle. There was heard the din of arms, and in response to his demand, defiant answer and refusal was returned. Then the air grew dark and the demon of destruction chartered a special train over the A. T. & S. Fe. R. R. to be upon the scene, while veracious bystanders assert that a half dozen cayotes and a flock of buzzards appeared over the plateau waiting for gore. Oh, ye shades of Homer and Milton! Ye who sung of Illicus fall and Heaven's war, help me to describe the outcome. Face to face they stood resolute and determined to die or die—Hector and Ayax out-rivalled in majestic manhood. Long the windy war continued, weapons were raised and what might have been the outcome had not the snaky sorceress who sits between"—confound it, Mr. Editor, poetic frenzy is driving me mad. I do not mean that. Holcomb marched back again shot and mortally wounded with a paint brush. LOOKOUT.

PORT LYON ITEMS.

Port Lyon, May 29.

To the Editors of the Times.

The four soldiers who deserted from this Post last week had formerly deserted from other regiments, and it was getting rather hot for them here, as some of the boys knew them, so they concluded to "skip out" again to escape arrest. Such is the life of a "skipper."

Lieut. Vernon came up from Ft. Larned last Sunday. He is visiting friends at this Post.

Mr. D. W. Pedrie, the great conjuror, and ventriloquist, entertained the boys at the Fort Lyon Opera House a few evenings ago.

Sergt. M. C. Nalon, District Deputy of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. of G. T., organized a Good Templar's lodge in Company "K" 19th Infantry, on the 27th inst. There is now two lodges at this Post.

The "Fort Lyon Dramatic and Variety Troupe" gave an entertainment on the 28th inst. at the Opera House. The hall was densely packed with the officers and enlisted men of the Post and the citizens from East and West Las Animas. The performance was a decided success. During the evening several squibs and hits by the troupe created unbounded enthusiasm and uproar on the part of the audience. Great credit is due to Commissary Sergeant Mieser for his management of the troupe. Immediately after the performance (10 o'clock) the members of the Fort Lyon Social Club cleared the hall of all chairs and obstacles, the music struck up, and the dance commenced, which was kept up until 1 o'clock. Everybody expressed themselves well pleased, and the whole affair was a decided success from beginning to end.

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